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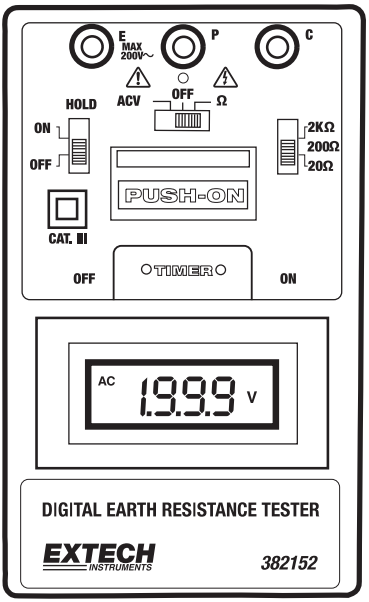
User's Manual

Earth Ground Resistance Tester

Model 382152



Introduction

Congratulations on your purchase of the Extech Earth Ground Resistance Tester. This device can measure resistance (in 3 ranges) and AC voltage to 200V. 2mA constant current test signal permits earth resistance tests without tripping current breakers in the circuit under test. Single, momentary tests or automatic 3-minute tests can be selected. This device was designed to meet IEC-1010 (EN 61010) safety standards.

Earth Ground Resistance Testers are useful for:

- Estimating ground resistance of a proposed substation or transmission tower.
- Computing inductive coupling between neighboring power and communication circuits.
- Designing cathode protection systems.
- Geological surveys.

Careful use of this meter will provide years of reliable service.

Safety

Please read the following safety information carefully before attempting to operate the meter and use the meter only as specified in this manual.

Environmental safety information

- Do not use meter outdoors when precipitation is likely
- Installation Category III
- Pollution degree 2
- Altitude: 2000 meters max.
- Ambient conditions: 32 to 104°F (0 to 40°C); RH: 80% max
- Observe the following international safety warning symbols

Safety Symbols

Caution: Refer to this manual before using this meter

Dangerous Voltages

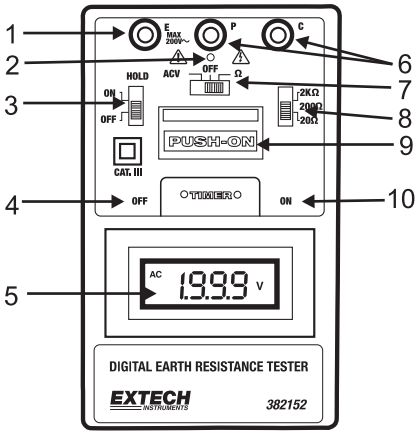
Meter is protected throughout by double or reinforced insulation

Organizations that provide rules and guidelines for proper grounding

- The National Electrical Code (NEC)
- Underwriters Laboratories (UL)
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
- American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
- Occupational Safety Health Administration (OSHA)
- Telecommunications Industry Standard (TIA)

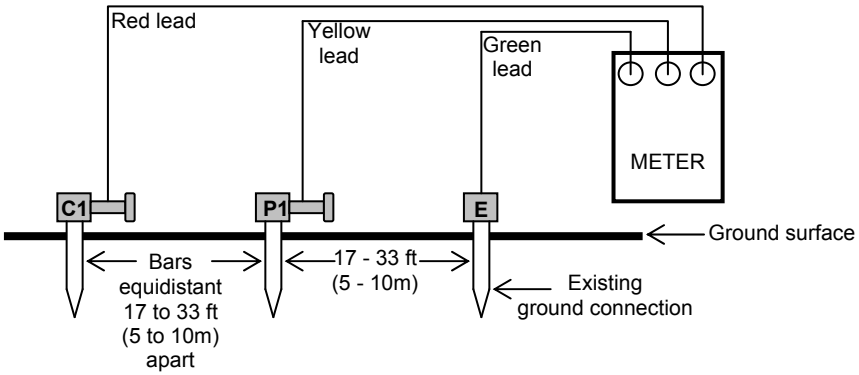
Meter Description

1. Earth ground test lead terminal
2. Test status LED
3. Data Hold switch
4. Automatic 3-min. test OFF button
5. LCD Display
6. C1, P1 Aux bar test lead terminals
7. Function select switch
8. Resistance range select switch
9. Push-button momentary test
10. Automatic 3-min. test ON button



Operation

Test Connection Diagram



Test Preparation and Setup

1. Connect the test leads to the meter as follows:
    - Green lead to the 'E' terminal
    - Yellow lead to the 'P' terminal
    - Red lead to the 'C' terminal
2. Drive the Auxiliary Earth Bars C1 & P1 (included) into the ground. Align the bars equidistant to the existing Earth ground connection and in a straight line as shown in the diagram above.
3. Ensure that the bars are between 17 and 33 ft (5 and 10 meters) apart. If the auxiliary bars are placed in close proximity to the ground stake, measurement inaccuracies will result.
4. Connect the clamp ends of the test leads to the Earth bars and existing ground connection spike as shown above.

Earth Voltage Test

1. Set the meter's function switch to the ACV position.
2. Press the PUSH-ON button to perform a single, momentary test.
3. Press the PUSH-ON and TIMER ON buttons simultaneously to begin a 3-minute test. The 3-minute test automatically shuts down after 3 minutes. Press the Timer OFF button to end an automatic test at any time.
4. The front panel test status LED will light if the test is operating correctly. If the LED does not light check for problems such as open circuits or overload conditions.
5. Note the LCD reading.
6. Confirm that the voltage measurement is less than 10V AC; otherwise accurate Earth resistance measurements cannot be made. If voltage is present (higher than 10V AC), the source of the voltage must be found and corrected before testing can continue.

Earth Resistance Test

1. Set the meter's function switch to the ohms position and set the range switch to the desired resistance range.
2. Press the PUSH-ON button to perform a single, momentary test
3. Press the PUSH-ON and TIMER ON buttons simultaneously to begin a 3-minute test. 3-minute tests automatically shut down after 3 minutes. Press the Timer OFF button to end an automatic test at any time.
4. Note the displayed reading. The front panel test status LED will light if the test is operating correctly. If the LED does not light, check for problems such as open circuits or overload conditions.
5. If high resistance is detected, note the value and take appropriate steps to correct the ground connection if necessary.
6. Readings “1”Ω are typical when the test leads are not connected to the meter.

Data Hold

Data Hold freezes the latest measurement reading on the LCD.

1. Select ON from the Data Hold selector switch to turn Data Hold ON.
2. The reading that was on the display when the switch was set is now held on the LCD.
3. The Data Hold function does not retain measurement data if the meter is turned off.
4. Select OFF from the Data Hold selector switch to return meter to normal operation.

Specifications

Measurements	Earth ground resistance (in 3 ranges) and AC voltage to 200V
Display	3-1/2 digit (1999 count) LCD with LED test status indicator
Data hold	Freezes latest reading on the LCD display
Automatic Test	3 minute test timer with automatic power down
Measurement triggers	Momentary test or 3 minute test with lock function
Test lead length	Red lead: 15m (50'), Yellow: 10m (33'), Green: 5m (16')
Power supply	Six 1.5V 'AA' batteries (included)
Low battery indication	LCD displays 'B' icon
Over-range indication	'1' displayed as most significant digit
Safety	IEC-1010 (EN-61010) category III
Weight	800g (27.7oz) with batteries
Dimensions	163 x 100 x 50 mm (6.42 x 3.94 x 2")
Supplied accessories	Test leads (3), auxiliary earth bars (2), six 'AA' batteries, and carrying case

Range Specifications

Measurement	**Range**	**Resolution**	**Accuracy**
Earth Ground Resistance 2mA test current (820Hz)	20, 200, 2000Ω	0.01Ω, 0.1Ω, 1Ω	± (2% rdg + 2 d) or ± 0.1Ω whichever is greater
Earth Voltage Frequency: 40 to 500Hz	0 to 200VAC	0.1V	± (1% rdg +2d)

Maintenance

Battery Replacement

When the low battery icon 'B' appears on the LCD, the meter's batteries must be changed.

1. Remove power and disconnect the test leads from the meter.
2. Remove the rear battery compartment screw with a Phillips head screwdriver.
3. Remove the battery compartment cover and replace the six 1.5V 'AA' batteries.
4. Affix compartment cover and tighten screw.

You, as the end user, are legally bound (**EU Battery ordinance**) to return all used batteries, **disposal in the household garbage is prohibited!** You can hand over your used batteries / accumulators at collection points in your community or wherever batteries / accumulators are sold!

Disposal: Follow the valid legal stipulations in respect of the disposal of the device at the end of its lifecycle

Cleaning and Storage

Periodically wipe the meter's case with a damp cloth and mild detergent; do not use abrasives or solvents. If the meter is not to be used for a period longer than 60 days, remove the batteries and store them separately.

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